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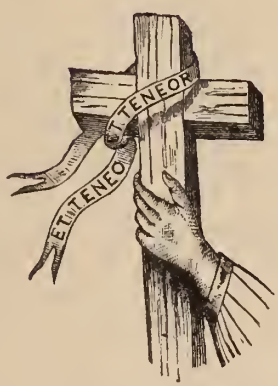

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Abroad.

AFRICA—Bolondo.

MISS I. A. NASSAU.

. . . Just now all this people are in a peculiar state. Many of the men, professing Christians, are evincing an undue eagerness in the pursuit of earthly gain, while on the other hand, the women show increasing interest in learning to read, and in oral instruction and things of civilization. Much of the work here among the women is oral instruction. It is wonderful how soon a woman will learn the Ten Commandments in this way, even when she does not find time in her busy life to come every day for her lesson. *Bo-kam-ba* is quite an old woman, but since the great change has taken place in her heart, she has been most anxious to study the Commandments and Catechism. In less than two months, she com-

mitted the Commandments and part of the Catechism. It did seem, at first, a hard task for the poor woman, and promised to be one requiring time. I was afraid she would be discouraged by my saying, "Repeat it, Bokamba, repeat it once more; do not be discouraged." She would say, "No, my part is not to be weary, and yours to be patient;" and there was a soft light in her eyes and a tender look. She is the first of these Bolondo women about whom I feel sure; many make promises, but few persevere.

I do not use the sewing machine much, there is so much other work: *i. e.*, recitations of the young men three hours every day; teaching women *whenever* they come; superintending work on the new house and on the place, and visiting towns at least once a week. These visits will repay us for the effort which we make.

I exhibited the magic lantern last week to a delighted audience. These beautiful pictures are so many texts from which to instruct the people. The Saviour sitting beside the well of Samaria, was very beautiful and clear; to look upon it, as I stood among that crowd of interested natives, gave my heart a sweet sense of rest.

I wish you could hear my class reciting "Biblical Antiquities." They are fond of tracing analogies to things in this land. They tell me the names by which they call the constellations; surely some rays of science from the Eastern wise men have penetrated these tribes.

MEXICO—Mexico.

Miss Ellen P. Allen.

The school year opened prosperously. Every face that disappeared on the last day of the school year, reappeared on the first of the new term, and a few others besides. Judging from the number of applications, we may hope to go on increasing. The teacher of the Mexican divisions, is one of the young ladies who studied with us last year. She is anxious to do well, and thus far, has gone on very satisfactorily. Each day a short lesson in morality is written out, which she takes and inculcates. Lying,

stealing, and their more habitual vices, are made the subjects of these lessons. They are taught daily a Scripture lesson, and one also from a Scripture Catechism. They sew half an hour daily. Their parents are anxious that they should learn all manner of fancy work, but we think that they should first learn plain sewing. We have a set of kindergarten blocks and tools, by means of which we hope to arouse their mental powers into active exertion.

Our more advanced pupils are those of foreign parentage, who belong to the "paying" department of the school. The "Helping Hands" keep to their work, and will continue to clothe the little girl Chipilinga, who is a favorite with them, and with all. We are in great need of more commodious and differently-situated rooms, but find it very difficult to get them, within any prices we can afford to pay, in the quarter of the city which is most desirable.

We are much supported by the assurances of friendly care which we receive, and by the often repeated assertion, "We pray for you."

CHINA—Chefoo.

MRS. DR. NEVIUS.

MY class of women is held in my school room, given up for the afternoon to this object. The room, I *guess* to be about eighteen feet wide and twenty-two long. It has a door and two windows in front, and a door and one window opening on the school garden or court, a pleasant little sunny enclosure, with a few trees and flowers. With so many, crowded into such a small space, the air, of course, becomes very close and unpleasant. I have to sit by the open door, except when going in and out among the women, urging them to pay attention and to answer more promptly. They are only big, old *children*, more ignorant than most children of eight years of age in your happy Christian land, and they require as much spurring and watchfulness as any school of listless children you ever saw.

You are aware that I have four little girls with me as pupils,

Sumay, Deer, Jennie and Emily. The two latter were dear Mrs. Eckard's, and I am only keeping them until her return. My great aim in teaching Chinese children, is to make them teachers of others, and with this end in view, I set them to work as soon as they know enough of the written language to read it. You would be amused, I think, if you could see and hear little Emily officiating as school ma'am. She stands in front of the table at one end of the room, and in a loud, shrill voice, shouts the questions of the Catechism, while Jennie or Deer repeat the answers, followed by the whole class of women. I never have Sumay do this kind of work, as I have to save her voice for the hymns.

To-day there are between fifty and sixty present, a larger number than usual. Among these, there are six or eight who must be over seventy years of age, while more than as many are sixty or over. They are a rough set surely, but I feel strongly drawn to them, and I think we feel mutually that we are the best of friends. They know that I desire their good, and have their best interests at heart. I am conscious of an increasing influence over them. Pray earnestly that this may result in winning them to Christ. It seems to me now, that it is in your power to work for these poor creatures quite as effectually as I can; for you can *pray* for them. What they need now is the constraining influence of the Holy Spirit. They have, many of them, a very clear knowledge of the plan of salvation, and are becoming familiar with Scripture truth. The hold of idolatry and their old superstitions, is, of course, in a measure, weakened, but without they receive a baptism from on high, all this will be of no avail. There are a few who do seem serious and interested, but the large majority I cannot doubt, come so regularly to the class, only because they value the little sum—thirty cash, or about two cents—which I pay them for their afternoon's work. That is the one discouraging feature of this plan of missionary work, but as it applies with nearly equal weight to every other kind of agency, it ought not quite to dishearten us.

I am surprised that so many of the very oldest women, who seemed for a long while to learn very slowly, have at last acquired so much knowledge.

JAPAN—Tokei.

MRS. CARROTHERS.

. . . The school session which began the 25th of August, and ended on the 24th of December, was a season of pleasant toil for me. Generally the girls studied well, and their conduct was pleasing, all giving evidence, more or less, of their desire to follow God's commands. The Sabbath noon prayer meetings which are their own, the teacher seldom being present, were well attended by all the older girls. I started a little prayer meeting on Friday evenings, for the two women who are members of the church, and some of the girls always remain to that. Although not required to do so, they have attended the church services regularly, always appearing eager to go, and glad to be taught

The studies pursued during the term were natural philosophy, history, physiology, moral science, grammar, arithmetic, geography, English conversation and composition, &c. The school numbered twenty-five at the close of the term, of whom thirteen were boarders and constantly with me. All the studies I have had to carry on for some weeks past alone, except a little help from a lady of the Irish Presbyterian Church, who kindly assisted me for a time. What I need is native help. Twenty dollars per month would support two teachers. We are trying in school and church to set our scholars and native Christians to work. I want to have the school support itself, as far as possible.

So far, in the evidence which most of the girls give of an earnest desire to do right, I have been greatly blessed. The trouble now, is the refusal of most of their parents to their request to be baptized. The father of one of the most interesting pupils threatened to take her from the school. Remember them in your prayers, that they may see their duty, and have grace and strength given them to perform it.

My teacher takes much interest in the school, and rejoices in its prosperity. She was baptized some months ago, and shows herself to be a working Christian.

At Home.

OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

If every page of the present number of *Woman's Work* could be devoted to the story of our last Annual Meeting, we should find scarcely room enough to tell all that made the history of those two days memorable. We may paint in glowing colors the view of valley, stream and meadow which we get from some mountain top, but there are tints and shadows which evade the most practised pencil, and the picture is poor at best to one who has seen the vision. We look at the picture and remember the reality, saying, "Oh, if you had seen as I saw!" So we, who were permitted to come with this gathering of our tribes, feel as we try to give our readers a sketch of what was to us a most inspiring outlook from the "mountain of our Lord," to which we had "come up," that we might "take counsel together" in behalf of "the Lord and His anointed."

The efficient Committee of Arrangements, of which Mrs. R. H. Allen was Chairman, gave much study to this meeting, carrying out what is said to have been Robert Hall's secret in preaching: "It lies," he says, "in the observance of three rules; the first is preparation, the second is preparation, the third is preparation." But it was preparation begun, continued and ended in prayer. Why should we wonder at the blessing? Here is the bill of fare, which whetted the appetites of those who were permitted to enjoy this "feast of fat things."

Thursday Morning.—*Annual Meeting.*—Reading of Report; Reception of Members of Corresponding Bodies; Election of Managers.

One o'clock, *Lunch.*

Three o'clock, *Missionary Meeting.*—Reception of Delegates; Addresses made by returned missionaries.

Eight o'clock, *Social Re-union.*

Friday Morning.—*Meeting for Conference and Prayer.*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.—*Young People's Missionary Meeting.* We will give a brief sketch of each meeting in its order.

ANNUAL MEETING.

After singing, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer, the President, Mrs. W. E. Schenck, in a few well-timed words extended a cordial welcome to the eighty-six delegates, and many more friends who were present. To this welcome, Mrs. R T. Haines, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, responded. Then followed the reading of the Annual Report, by the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Perkins; a report rich in facts, concise in statement, warm with the glow of a sanctified enthusiasm. If any one wants an inspiration in her missionary work, let her read the story of the five years' life of our Society, as given in the Fifth Annual Report. There is always an interest in the statement which a treasurer makes on such an occasion, and it was not strange after Mrs. McCord reported the receipts of the year, at nearly $70,000—$10,000 in advance of last year—that "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," burst spontaneously from heart and lip. Then followed the election of managers, and then the reception of corresponding members of other societies. The Woman's Union Missionary Society was represented by Miss Mary Boardman, who brought salutations, congratulations, and an earnest "God bless you," from that Society which we love to recognize as the mother of us all. Then Mrs. Keen spoke in behalf of the Woman's Methodist Missionary Society, blending the playful with the serious, the tender with the strong, with a skill which gave a peculiar charm to her earnest words.

"As a good Methodist, she was bound to give her *experience.*" It was a blessed experience of God's readiness to answer prayer, one which might tempt all of us to wish we were Methodists too, if as such, and only as such, we should be able to testify of God's willingness to bless. One sentence which fell from her lips dropped as seed-thought into many hearts: "We, as Christian women, are responsible for the generation in which we live." A sublime thought, but one which would overwhelm us, were it not for the "Lo, I am with you alway."

Miss Goodell, of the Woman's Board of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, brought the expression of Christian sympathy from that Society which holds so honored a position in the Congregational Church. Then letters were read, expressing warm hearted interest and co-operation from the Secretaries of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest; from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Albany; and from the Ladies' Missionary Society of Brooklyn. Thus, were we given a foretaste of the time when "they all may be one," and were made to feel the blessedness of the tie that binds heart to heart in this work of saving the world for Jesus.

THE LUNCH.

Generous and tempting, there was little disposition to turn away from the cordial invitation extended to delegates and visitors. One hundred and forty-five were entertained, satisfying the hunger of the body, but rejoicing in that which they had received, and that which was yet to come, which to these souls was better than the bread that perishes.

THE MISSIONARY MEETING.

At three o'clock, the Assembly Room was again filled with those who realize the fact that nothing stimulates to work so effectually as to be brought into contract with a real, live missionary. No one who has ever heard Mrs. Eddy, of Sidon, Syria, has any doubt as to her being all that these adjectives imply. She has an almost telescopic power of bringing her mission, her schools, her girls, so near that you seem to be in their very presence. No wonder that a lady remarked at the close of the meeting, "I've been to Syria this afternoon, and am back again." One cannot listen to such statements and appeals as Mrs. Eddy makes without getting a fresh impression of the glory of a human life which is consecrated to the Master's service. A thrilling letter from Mrs. Eckard, of Chefoo, upon Chinese women, was read, after which Miss Loring, "whose praise is in all the churches," where she has labored, gave a report of what might be called her mis-

sionary journey on Christian soil. It would not do for her to expose ALL the ignorance and consequent indifference which has made her feel that one does not need to leave home and country to find *heathen*, but she did tell us how necessary it is that our work should be made more and more aggressive here at home, *in order* that greater conquests may be achieved in lands beyond the seas. We refer our readers to an extended report of Miss Loring's work for our Society, in the present number of *Woman's Work*. And yet *statistics* only half reveal the good accomplished by such faithful service. Where a score of new auxiliaries have been planted, and another score of feeble societies quickened into new life, hundreds of fainting souls have been cheered, and made strong for the work which will not languish while they remember the counsels which this beloved sister gave them.

THE SOCIAL RE-UNION.

This was an informal and hearty hand shaking exercise, with music and speeches to enliven the hour. Our husbands, brothers, and friends participated. It is no part of *Woman's Work* to report what *men* say about us, however true and good it may have been. Suffice it then, that our honored Secretary, Dr. Irving, Dr. Bliss, of Beirût, Mr. Woodside, of Dehra, India, and Mr. Griffis, of Japan, were with us. To the latter, we were indebted for a ten minutes speech on his work among the Japanese, which for intensity, fluency and enthusiasm, was enough to make the blood in the most lethargic veins tingle.

CONFERENCE AND PRAYER.

To this meeting we had looked forward with an intensity of expectation, which we always feel when we hope to get something better than we have yet had. No sister who was present will ever forget the tenderness of that hour. Hearts were opened to each other and to God. Sympathies were stirred for each other and for the Master. It was a time of wonderful revelations of our own needs, revelations of God's willingness to bless, and of the power which He had put into the hands of Christian women. Verily, the Saviour's promise was fulfilled: "And I will manifest

myself to him," and our eyes were not holden that we should not know Him. What a step forward has been taken by the women of our church in this duty and privilege of prayer! Just in proportion as our hearts and lips are unsealed, will this blessed work prosper in our hands. We have God's word for it.

THE YOUNG FOLKS.

It was a sight never to be forgotten! Three hundred children and youth representing bands and circles in our city churches, coming to bring their offering to the feast. The exercises were short, crisp and bright. There was music, such as might rival the songs of the angels. As the Secretary of our Society called the names of each band, a delegate responded to these questions: When was your band organized? To what do you contribute your funds? How much did you raise last year? How often do you meet? The responses varied according to the ages represented. The tones of womanhood, childhood and infancy blended sweetly. as one after another took up the missionary story of the year.

And then the happy child talk that followed, as Miss Lucy Wright told of her dear Maria Grier Band, in Newark, New Jersey! There was exhortation for the children of larger growth in the story of her own attempts to conduct a children's prayer meeting. How often are we put to shame by the childlike confidence of the little ones!

Miss Loring, followed with a missionary talk, and catching the spirit of the meeting, her prose, became poetry; her talk, music; her facts, like romance; while under the spell the children sat almost entranced. It was a fitting close to this precious anniversary season, for to the youth of our church we must look for our future laborers.

The anniversary was ended. What shall be its results? God grant that increased faith may bear fruit in renewed zeal in this blessed work! We must not be satisfied with a quickened impulse, with longings and tears, with anything less than such a consecration as shall lead us all to give *ourselves*, if need be, when God calls *for us*.

HEART QUESTIONING.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

How can I carry my burden,
To the blessed Lord of all,
Dropping its weary and crushing weight,
Where weights and burdens fall,—
If, in the day of my heart's delight,
I forget on His name to call?

How can I kneel at His footstool,
And tell Him my pain and care,
If, in the hours of ease and rest,
I never found time for prayer?
How can I go in the cloudy day,
When I did not go in the fair?

How can I ask Him to lead me
Out of the desert land,
If I spurned away, on the flowery path,
The help of His guiding hand,
And the offer sweet, of His tender love,
I would not understand?

How can I seek from His treasure,
Gifts of His golden store,
If I never have spared from my full supply,
A gift to His sick and poor?
If His talent bestowed, I have folded up,
Nor sought to make it more?

How can I stand in His presence,
Nor hide away my face!
My Lord is not like you and me,
He is full of a wonderful grace,
And late though I come with my sorrow,
It finds a waiting place.

He bids me not remember,
Too long my self and my sin,
But trusting in his patient love,
"Even now," He says, "begin,
And though it be at the evening hour,
To the vineyard enter in!"

FROM MISS LORING.

. . . I have held one hundred and ninety meetings, and assisted in organizing forty-three auxiliary societies, two Sabbath-school missionary associations, and two Bands, under the auspices of your Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

In the meantime, I have learned much of human nature as found in *woman*. I have come in heart contact with hundreds of them, and I find that, leaving out the "peculiar" ones, taken as a mass, they form grand material to work upon. Few are the aspirants to office, but when it becomes their duty to assume such responsibility, they "wear their blushing honors" gracefully, and are learning to conduct affairs according to parliamentary rules. Many, shrinking from this work because of the publicity it may involve, have yet to learn that there is a wide distinction between the bold advocacy of Woman's Rights (so called), and the modest testimony of a woman nerved to duty in religious work by the strength of the Master whom she serves. How many settle down content in the belief that the Lord's will would not lead them counter to their fixed habits, and that from which their nature shrinks cannot be their duty, never realizing the beauty and necessity of disciplining themselves to "overcome." How many are this day praying, "Let Thy work go on, O Lord, let Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done, if it doesn't conflict with my timidity!"

Sometimes I find just *one* grateful soul in a church, seeking, with burdened heart, to drag the whole sisterhood up to the higher plane which she has attained; heart sick she cries like her astonished Lord, Where are the *other* "nine?"

How many consciences are quieted by *giving* while there is not prayerful interest enough in the work to take the donors out to the place of giving, to the "stated meetings," the place of prayer! We read that "They *came*, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom His spirit made willing, and they *brought* the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle." In our day the gifts are *sent*, or kept until solicited by a special messenger. Is it because the *heart* is not stirred up and the *spirit* is not willing?

Indifference and skepticism with regard to Foreign Missions are based upon ignorance. It is delightful to watch the growth of interest as information is given. The readers of the *Foreign Missionary* and of *Woman's Work* are the earnest workers. Have some of the reports which I have recently heard read at annual meetings, echoed to Philadelphia? "Fifty members in our Society, and *four* subscribers to *Woman's Work*." "One hundred members and *ten* subscribers." At whose door lies the blame?

Oh, that thousands possessed the spirit of that bed-ridden one, who, though able to write but one line at a time, in two months wrote twenty-two letters for the introduction of *Woman's Work* into the churches! Another faithful sister took upon herself the responsibility of visiting every lady member of a large church, facing wind and rain and sleet, for the purpose of collecting money for the Missionary Society. Such a spirit is the leaven which must permeate the *mass*. Her niece, a little girl of about eleven years, heard the sad story of her heathen sisters. The next day she was offered a sum of money to induce her to go to the *dentist's*. With a perfectly jubilant spirit and manner she rushed to the scene of trial, underwent a very painful operation, came home in the same glee, and presented her reward to the cause of Foreign Missions; wasn't that *giving till she felt it?* I do not think everybody need to have her teeth out for this blessed cause, but I *do* believe everybody ought to "give till she feels it."

I have thanked God many times that my "mission" is not "begging," but only an effort to rouse an interest by dispelling the darkness of ignorance. The excuses for withholding money and labor from this branch of God's work are ludicrous as well as wicked. "Who *made* the heathen? Didn't the Lord? Well, then let the Lord take care of them." "Many of the heathen have got along without the gospel *so* long, let them wait now till these hard times are over." "The Board swallows up too much of the contributions to Foreign Missions." I wonder if they expect the Secretaries to shut up the Mission House now and then, and retire to the country for a season to hoe potatoes for a living!

Those who make these excuses are the last ones to contribute to Home Missions.

Though I meet much that might discourage, I have suffered nothing to dampen my ardor, and the conclusion of the whole matter is that the work is growing grandly, and in scores of places, where two years ago not a sign of life in this direction was visible, hundreds of dollars are now devoted to the support of missionaries and heathen schools.

I could give you some glorious instances of the rapid growth of interest which have thrilled my soul; still what does that funereal cry of *debt* on the Foreign Board mean? Now is the time for each and every woman in our land to feel that, whatever she may have done hitherto, here is an emergency which she is called upon to meet with open purse, with new self-denial and with pleadings at the mercy seat, which will take no denial

CHANGES.

THE readers of *Woman's Work*, will observe changes in the names of officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given on the third and fourth pages of the cover. It is proper to give the reasons for these changes. Mrs. McCord, the loved and honored Treasurer of the Society from its beginning, was obliged by imperative and engrossing home duties and cares, to decline re-election. Mrs. J. M. Fishburn, heretofore Home Secretary, was elected to fill her place, and Mrs. A. L. Massey to take the position of Home Secretary. Mrs. M. C. Sheppard, one of the Foreign Secretaries, having removed from the city, was unable to work in this department, although as Vice President she will, we trust, continue to render the same most valuable services to the Society which she has been giving for months past. Miss Kate B. Patton was elected Assistant Foreign Secretary.

THE Fifth Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, will be sent free to any who apply for it to Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. A copy will be sent to the Secretary of each auxiliary, and she is earnestly requested to read it (*i. e.* the report proper), at the first meeting of her auxiliary after its receipt.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Bloomsbury, N. J.
Congruity, Pa.
La Fayette, Ohio.
New Alexandria, Pa.
New Providence, N. J.
New Salem, Pa.
North Springfield, Ohio
Parma, Ohio.
Sinking Valley, Pa.
Utica, Ohio.

BANDS.

Blairsville, Pa., Homans Band.
Clarksburg, Pa., Mission Band.
Ebenezer, Pa., Mission Band.
Glendale, Ohio, Earnest Workers.
Greenville, Ohio, Mission Band.
New Alexandria, Pa., Olive Branch.
Plainfield, N. J., Mission Band.
Pittsburgh, 1st Ch., Louisa Lowrie Band, Mission Band.
Swissvale, Pa., Mission Band.
Wilkinsburgh, Pa., Heart and Hand Workers.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Mary L. Pierce,
Miss Lillie D. Lelar,
Miss Mattie Johns,
Miss Ella McCord,
Mrs. Martha S. Blackinton,
Mrs. Silas Slocomb,
Mrs. Sallie Warthman,
Mrs. Rev. Henry Teller,
Rev. J. Addison Henry,
Miss Margaret Service,
Mrs. Sarah W. Walls
Mrs. S. A. Proctor,
Mrs. Jesse Opperman,
Mrs. Adelia H. Crowell,
Mrs. J. J. Pomeroy,
Mrs. E. D. Morris,
Mrs. Catherine Bates,
Mrs. H. M. Lord,
Mrs. Henry A. Nelson,
Mrs. Sarah J. Taggart,
Rev. J. H. Blackford,
Mrs. Rose M. Reynolds,
Mrs. Julia M. Colburn,
Miss Sophia E. Stimpson,
Miss Mary S. Hammond,
Miss Mary A. McIntire,
Mrs. Charlotte P. Skinner,
Miss Julia S. Scribner,
Miss Florence L. Ozanne,
Mrs. Charles M. Putnam,
Mrs. Warren Jenkins,
Mrs. H. N. Hubbell,
Miss Mary Bossert,
Miss Lizzie Y. Hoopes,
Mr. W. B. Thompson,
Mrs Horace Maynard,
Miss Julia A. Chadwick,
Mr. Collins Bliss,
Mr. Edmund Bliss,
Mrs. Joseph S. Van Dyke,
Mrs. Berryhill,
Miss Margaret Hervey,
Mrs. F. A. M. Brown,
Mrs. Amanda Leaman,
Mr. Henry Leaman, Sr.,
Mrs. Catharine C. Johnstone,
Mrs. C. W. Mateer,
Mrs. Eliza Perkins,
Mrs. Mary E. Anderson.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from April 1, 1875.

SPECIFIC APPROPRIATIONS.

Amity, Pa., sup. U-Sy-Nai, Bible woman, Canton, . $25 00
Amwell, N. J., United 1st Ch., sup. nat. teacher, Rio Claro, 35 50
Apollo, Pa., Aux., sup. Mrs. Van Dyke, Siam, . . 100 00
Ashland, Ohio, Aux., sup. Acheek, Miss Noyes' school, Canton, (including premium on gold,) 46 00
Aurora, N. Y., Aux., sup. scholar, Beirût Seminary, . 100 00
Baltimore, Md.: Ceutral Pres. Ch., Aux., part sup. Miss Thiedi, India, $125; 1st Pres. Ch., Bible class sup. Normal School, Mynpurie, $60; 2d Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Fitch, Shanghai, $313 49; 12th Pres. Ch., "Maxwell" Band, $10; "Wylie" Band, $10, sup. Miss Thiedi; "Hope," New Canton School Building, $5, 523 49
Baskingridge, N. J., Aux., sup. nat. teachers, Furrukhabad, $26; "Gleaners" Band, sup. girl Mrs. Alexander's school, $33, . . 59 00
Bellaire, Ohio, Aux., for Odanah Mission, $11 60; sup. Mary Jane, Bible woman, Mynpurie, $62 40, . . 74 00
Belvidere, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch., infant class, sup. Lizzie Kennedy, Miss Nassau's school, Benita, . . . 20 00
Bloomingburg, Ohio, Aux., sup. nat. teacher, India, . 35 00
Bloomsburg, N. J., "A friend to the mission work," for Laos Bible, . . . 5 00
Brady, Pa., Gilgal Ch., Aux., New Cantou School Building, ... 20 00
Brush Valley, Pa., Aux., for Mrs. McFarland's school, Petchaburi (*special*), . . 6 20
Cadiz, Ohio, Aux., sup. four girls, Miss Noyes' school, Canton, (including premium on gold,) $138; "Earnest Workers" Band, sup. school, Rio Claro, $21 34, . . 159 34
Caledonia, N. Y., Aux., sup. scholarship Sidon Seminary, $28 84; "The Shepherd's Lambs" Band, sup. orphan, Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, $30, ... $58 84
California Branch W. F. M. S. for mission work among the Chinese in California, (*gold*) as follows, to wit:
Brooklyn, Cal., Auxiliary, $30 50; Cazenovia, N. Y., Ladies' Christian Association ($10 currency) $9 15; Elizabeth, N. J., *special* ($25 currency) $21 70; Girard, Pa., Ladies' Missionary Society ($25 currency) $23 75; New York, Mr. Adams, $10; Oakland, Aux., $60; Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. M. Morris ($40 currency) $36; Old Pine St. Church, "Workers for Jesus" ($11 currency) $10; Princeton, N. J., Mrs. R. L. Allen, $25; San Francisco, Calvary Ch., Auxiliary, $179; collection, $82 75 (261 75); 1st Pres. Ch., Aux., $235 50; Bands, $76 45; Sabbath School, $36 85 ($348 80); Howard Ch., Aux., $48 75; Band, $40 ($88 75); Howard St. Ch., Aux. and Band, $113; Mills Seminary, "Tolman" Band, $25; St. John's Ch., $5; "Rosebud" Band, $26 80 ($31 80); Archibald Cooper, $25; contents Frankie Dickey's Mite Box, $7; monthly subscriptions, $55; sundry donations, $26 25; rent, $50; interest on deposits, $37 24 ($1069 59); San Jose, Aux., $20; Santa Clara, Aux., $75; Westfield, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Skinner (*special*), $5, . . 1,395 69
Carlisle, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch., Mission Band, sup. girl Miss Dean's school, Persia, $14; Mrs. Jennie Paul, for Laos Bible, $1 50, . . . 15 50

Chambersburg, Pa., Aux., sup. Bible reader, under Mrs. Fannie R. Newton, Lahore, $50; "W.," for New Canton School Building, $1; sup. "Bodha," Etawah, $15, . $66 00

Chatham, N. J., Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. two girls, Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad, 52 40

Chestnut Level, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 21 00

Churchville, Md., Aux., sup. scholarship, Mrs. Alexander's school, Mynpurie, . 30 00

Clayton, N. J., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 32 00

Cleveland, Ohio, Pres. W. F. M. S., sup. Miss Dascomb, Brazil: Westminster Ch., Aux., $19 10; Hudson Aux., $16 62; Newbury, $10 30; North Springfield, $15; Solon, $22 10 ($83 12); Memorial Ch., sup. nat. teacher with Miss Dascomb, $17 55; Mrs. Ozanne and family, for Laos Bible, $5 ($22 55), . 105 67

Cleveland, Ohio, Memorial Pres. Ch., concert collections, $90; a Sabbath-school teacher, for Rio Claro Building, $5 ($95); 2d Pres. Ch., Aux., for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, $9, ... 104 00

Columbia, Pa., Aux., sup. Miss Annie Scott, . . . 100 00

Columbus, Ohio, 2d Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Pond, Syria, $60; "Myrtle" and "Little Flock" Bands, sup. Rahiman, Dehra School, $69, . 129 00

Corsica, Pa., Mission Band, New Canton School Building, ... 20 00

Cranberry, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Baldeo, nat. teacher, Mynpurie, $60; 2d Pres. Ch., Aux., for work under Mrs. Van Dyke, Siam, $35; for scholarship, Mrs. House's school, Bangkok, $25 ($60), ... 120 00

Danville, Ky., "J. L. McKee" Band, for Mrs. Lucas' work, India, ... 20 00

Deerfield, N. J., Aux., sup. Josephine, Bible reader, Gaboon, ... 27 00

Delta, Pa., Aux., sup. Sundari, Normal School, Mynpurie, . 30 00

Downingtown, Pa., Pres. Ch. Sabbath school, sup. scholar Dehra school, . . $15 00

Duncan's Falls, Ohio, Aux., for work under Mrs. Crossette, Tungchow, . . 13 80

Elderton, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building, . . 25 40

Elizabeth, N. J., Aux., for work under Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mexico, . 160 00

Erie, Pa., Miss Lizzie R. Sanford, New Canton School Building, ... 8 00

Ewingville, N. J., Pres. Ch., Auxiliary, sup. Janki, nat. teacher, Furrukhabad, . 58 40

Fairview, West Va., Aux., sup. Mrs. Johnson, India, $20; for Mrs. McFarland's work, Petchaburi schools, Siam (*special*), $46, . . . 66 00

Fort Wayne, Ind., Aux., sup. Mrs. Farnham, Shanghai, . 50 00

Freeport, Pa., Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Van Dyke, Siam, 37 50

Fulton, N. Y., A friend, New Canton School Building, . 1 20

Geneseo, N. Y., Central Pres. Ch., "Butler" Band, sup. Sahdie, of Dizza, $28; "2d Mary Gregory" Band, sup. Kahnum, Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad, $12 63, . 40 63

Harrisburg, Pa., Pine St. Pres. Sabbath school, classes of Miss S. E. Clark and Mr. Wierman, sup. Katrine Michael, Sidon Seminary, . 46 00

Hopedale, Ohio, Beach Spring Aux., New Canton School Building, ... 55 00

Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs W. A. Holliday, for debt of Board, $24; 2d Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Eddy, $125, . 149 00

Jeffersonville, Ind., Aux., sup. Morgan school, Furrukhabad, ... 27 00

Jersey City Presbl. W. F. M. S.: Bergen, 1st Ch., sup. Miss Allen's school, Mexico, $100; Jersey City, 1st Ch., sup. Mrs. Carrington, Siam (including premium on gold), $351, . . . 451 00

Jersey, Ohio, Aux., for Miss Allen, Mexico (*special*), . 21 00

Kingboro, N. Y., "Three United in the Love of

Jesus," for Laos Bible, $4; for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, $4, ... $8 00
Kingston, Ohio, New Canton School Building, . . 12 65
Kittanning, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Johnston, China, ... 95 00
Knoxville, E. Tenn., 2d Pres. Ch., Aux., for Persia, . . 3 50
Leechburg, Pa., Aux., sup. Mrs. Van Dyke, Siam, . 25 00
Liberty Corner, N. J., Pres. Ch., Aux., New Canton School Building, . . 31 20
Marietta, Ohio, Fourth Street Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Miss Allen, Mexico, . . . 25 00
Middle Creek, Pa., Ch., Aux., New Canton School Building, ... 20 00
Millerstown, Pa., Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Miss Belz, . . 6 50
Mill Village, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 5 10
Montreal, Canada, American Pres. Ch. Sabbath school, sup. girl, Canton school (*gold*), ... 30 00
Mt. Holly, N. J., Aux., sup. scholar Sidon school, $45; for general expenses Sidon school, $39, . . . 84 00
Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Pres. Ch., Aux., New Canton School Building, ... 37 20
Newark, N. J., Presbl. W. F. M. S.: Bloomfield, Westminster Ch., sup. Miss Mattie Noyes, $80 40: Caldwell Aux., sup. schools, Canton, and education of one girl, Canton, $87 50; Hanover, Aux., sup. 12th St. school, Canton, $100; Newark, Central Ch., sup. boarding schools, Canton, $72 50; High St. Ch., towards sup. of Mrs. Henry, and bell for 2d Ch., Canton, $76 48; Park Ch., for Jedaide building, $50 60; South Park Ch., sup. Miss Shaw and schools under her, $182 92; New Canton School Building, $75; 3d Pres. Ch., sup. Miss Happer, $400; sup. school in country, $140 ($997 50), . 1,265 40
New Salem, Pa., Aux., sup. scholarship, Kolapoor, . 13 00
Newtown, Pa., Mrs. Van Horn, for furnishing Canton school, $3 00
Norristown, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Miss Craig, . 460 00
Ogden Centre, N. Y., Aux., for Mrs. Farnham's work, Shanghai, ... 28 00
Oneonta, N. Y., Mission Band, sup. scholar, Oroomiah, . 35 00
Ossian, Ind., Mrs. Margaret A. Perkins, New Canton School Building, ... 3 00
Phelps, N. Y., Aux., sup. "Bhudat," nat. teacher, Kurauli, Mynpurie, . . 7 00
Philadelphia: Alexander Pres. Ch., Aux., New Canton School Building, $71; Arch St. Pres. Ch. Sabbath school, "Mizpah" Band, sup. Martha, Dehra school, $30 00; Bethany Pres. S. S. infant school, sup. girl, India, $50; Calvary Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Janvier, $541 78; Chambers' Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Bible reader, Lahore, $150, New Canton School Building, $35 ($185); Chestnut Hill Pres. Ch., sup. Luceya Zazoor, Beirût Seminary, $100; Cohocksink, Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Calderwood, $222; Columbia Ave. Pres. Ch., sup. child at Kolapoor, $40; Old Pine St. Pres. Ch., "Workers for Jesus," sup. two Bible readers, Mynpurie, $25; Olivet Pres. Ch., sup. Rancore, Kolapoor, $50; Infant school, education of Mary, daughter of nat. Christian Futtehpore, Dehra school, $35 ($85); Oxford Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Miss Belz, $400; "Guthrie" Band, sup. Bible readers, Allahabad, $100; "F. L. Robbins" Band, sup. Annie Peters, Dehra school, $30 ($530); Princeton Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Whipple, $221 29; "Park" Band, sup. child, Gaboon, $31 35; "Fullerton Memorial" Band, sup. girl, Beirût Seminary, $30, for Odanah Mission, $33 61 ($316 25); 2d Pres. Ch., Mantua Sabbath school, sup. Ah Sing, $50; South

Pres. Ch., infant school, "Cheerful Givers" Band, sup. scholar, Dehra school, $25; Spring Garden Pres. Ch., "Cunningham" Band, sup. Lizpah, Mynpurie school, $30; Walnut St. Pres. Ch., Sabbath school, sup. Helena Esau, Beirût Seminary, (£20 8s.) $100 (*gold*); West Spruce St. Pres. Ch., Aux., sup. Mrs. Nevius, $350; for Mrs. Nevius' work (*special*), $30; Sabbath school, for Mrs. Nevius, $20; Infant class, sup. Babshi's son, under Mrs. Calderwood, $50; Young Ladies' Aid, sup. Mrs. Nevius, $100; for Mrs. Nevius' work (*special*), $50 ($600); Anon. (*special*), for Mr. Jos. H. Reading's passage-money to Africa, $150; "A widow's mite," for New Canton School Building, $5; "E.," sup. Canton training school, $1; sup. Mrs. De Heer's school, Canton, $1; Wm. Hogg, Jr., sup. Miriam Kahleel, nat. teacher, Kanah, Syria, $75; Mrs. A. J. Rowley, for New Canton School Building, $20, . . . $3,253 03

Phillipsburg, N. J., Aux., sup. Zenana Biblo reader, . . . 125 00

Pittsburgh, Pa., 4th Pres. Ch. S. S., sup girl, Mrs. Alexander's school, Mynpuric, . 7 50

Pittsburgh and Allegheny Committee: Lawrenceville S. S., Mission Band, sup. Rev. Hunter Carbet's school, $5 79; Perryville, Aux., for Siam, $42 10; Pittsburgh, 1st Pres. Ch., sup. Mrs. Alexander, Aux., $465; "Alexander" Band, $20; "Earnest Workers," $5; "Light Bearers," $30; "Louisa Lowrie" Band, $5; Mission Band, $20; "Young Voyagers," $30 ($575); Wilkinsburg, Aux., sup. two scholarships, Miss Allen's school, Mexico, $45, . . 667 89

Plainfield, N. J., Aux., sup. Mrs. Kellogg, . . . 181 15

Pluckamin, N. J., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 10 00

Portland, Oregon, Aux., bal. sup. two schools under Mrs. Wherry (including premium on gold), ... $62 00

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Miss Oldfather, $110; "Willing Workers" Band, sup. Asma Monsoor, Sidon Seminary, $50; sup. Nargis, Oroomiah school, $35 ($85), . . 195 00

Princeton, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., for Zenana work, India, ... 108 30

Rahway, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. scholarship, Sidon Seminary, ... 50 00

Rockaway, N. J., Aux., sup. scholarship, Mrs. House's school, Bangkok, . . . 47 00

Rock Spring, Pa., Clara, Mary, John and Lizzie Campbell, for New Canton School Building, ... 1 00

Rome, N. Y., Aux., sup. Mrs. Bessie M. Kai, Bible reader, Gaboon, $14 30; "Stryker" Band, sup. school at Abra, Syria, additional, $3, . . 17 30

Rosston, Pa., Aux., sup. school under Mrs. Calderwood, . 37 00

Shickshinny, Pa., Ch. Aux., New Canton School Building, ... 3 25

Shippensburg, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 25 00

Sparta, N. Y., 2d Pres. Ch., "Agnes Aitken" Band, sup. Esongè, Miss Nassau's school, Benita, . . . 30 00

Springfield, Mo., Calvary Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Canton training school, ... 25 00

Stockton, N. J., Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. school at Saghbin, Syria, ... 45 00

Strattanville, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 10 00

Struthers' Station, Ohio, Miss Mary J. Edgar, New Canton School Building, . . 5 00

Towanda, Pa., "Overton" Band, sup. Eva, Mrs De Heer's school, Corisco, . 30 00

Trenton, N. J., 3d Pres. Ch. Aux., sup. Baizoo, native teacher under Mrs. Wilder, Kolapoor, $100; S. S., sup. Annie Abram, Dehra school, $50, ... 150 00

Troy, O., for freight on boxes to Africa, ... $1 90
Union City, Pa., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 27 25
Upper Octoraro, Pa., sup. Mrs. Wherry, India, . . . 100 00
Walnut Hills, Ohio, Aux., sup. Miss Allen, Mexico, . . 75 00
Washington, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch. Sabbath-school, a member of "Cornes" Band, New Canton School Building, . 5 00
Washington, (Ind. Co.), Pa., Aux., for Siam Mission, . 7 00
Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Pres. Ch. Sabbath-school, for Zenana work, India, $50; "Yeddo" Band, sup. Mrs. Carrother's school, Yeddo, Japan, $100; New York Ave. Pres. Ch., Youths Missionary Society, sup. Washington school, China, $100, 250 00
Waynesboro', Pa., Aux., for Canton School, $20; "Little Helpers" Band, sup. Minnie Young, under Mrs. Mateer, China, $20, . . 40 00
West Chester, Pa., Aux., sup. Mrs. Frank A. Wood, $89 56; "Willing Hearts" Band, sup. scholarship Sidon school, $50 (*gold*); "Willing Hands" Band, sup. ——, Benita, $20 (*gold*), ... 159 56
West Glade Run, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux., New Canton School Building, . . 16 00
Williamsport, Pa., 2d Pres. Ch. Aux., additional, sup. girl, Sidon school, . . . $1 00
Williamstown, Mass., 2 mites from 2 old ladies, for Donna Palmyra C. Leite, Brazil, 50
Wilmington, Del., Central Pres. Ch., "Taylor" Band, New Canton School Building, . 10 00
Woodstown, N. J., Aux., New Canton School Building, . 32 34
Worthington, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux., New Canton School Building, ... 26 00
Proceeds "gold beads" mentioned in *Woman's Work*, July, 1874, for Kolapoor Mission, ... 10 00
Sundry contributions through Miss Loring, object to be designated hereafter, . . 238 78

$13,043 86

Balance in hands of California Branch, May 1, 1874, . . $518 29
Friends of Mr. Joseph H. Reading, for use in his work in Africa, one Sciopticon complete, value $167 85, and one printing press and fixtures complete, $90 90.
Troy, Ohio, two boxes dresses, &c., for Mrs. Bushnell's school, Africa, valued at $18 15.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENERAL FUND.

Amesville, Ohio, Pres. Ch. Aux., $15 46; Sabbath-school, "Little Workers" Band, $2 25; less postage, 11 cts., ... $17 60
Ashland, N. Y., Aux., . . 4 97
Ashland, Ohio, Aux., . . 14 00
Bethlehem, Pa., Mrs. R. O. Granger, ... 1 00
Blairsville, Pa., Aux., . . 60 00
Brady's Bend, Pa., Pres. Ch., "Loring" Band, . . 20 00
Burlington, N. J., "Busy Bees" Band, . . . 90 60
Carrolton, Ohio, Aux., . . 30 00
Cedarville, N. J., Aux., . . 20 00
Chambersburg, Pa., Central Ch. Aux., ... 50 00
Chambersburg, Pa., Aux., . 8 00
Cleveland, Ohio, "A friend," . $19 00
Clinton, N. J., Pres. Ch., "Helping" Band, . . 13 55
Clove, N. J., Ch. Aux., . . 40 00
Conshohocken, Pa., Mrs. J. H. Symmes, . . . 1 00
Colerain, Pa., Union Pres. Ch. Aux., ... 21 50
Delaware, Ohio, Pres. Ch., Mission Band, ... 61 00
Delhi, N. Y., Aux., . . 25 00
Downingtown, Pa., Aux., . 25 00
Erie, Pa., Mrs. S. Hilborn, . 1 00
Freehold, N. J., Aux., . . 12 65
Hackettstown, N. J., Aux., . 55 00
Harrisburg, Pa., 1st Pres. Ch., Female Prayer Meeting, . 25 00
Heuvelton, N. Y., Aux., . 13 00
Indianapolis, Ind., Mem. Ch., 16 00

Kilbourn, Ohio, Brown Ch. Aux.,	$15 00
Knoxville, E. Tenn., 2d Pres. Ch. Aux., $28 15; less exchange, 23 cts.,	27 92
Lancaster, Pa., Aux., two members,	50 00
Lewisburg, Pa., Pres. Ch., Aux.,	65 00
Markshoro', N. J., Aux.,	13 15
Marietta, Ohio, Fourth St. Pres. Ch. Aux., $12 34; Sabbath-school, $12 66,	25 00
Metuchen, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch., "Union" Band,	17 50
Mexico, N. Y., Miss Eliza Emery,	10 00
Milton, Pa., Aux.,	38 85
New Salem, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux.,	12 00
Newtown, Bucks Co., Pa., Pres. Ch. S. S., $10; Miss Amelia Ewing, $10; Mrs. Amanda Buckman, $1; Anon., $1,	22 00
Ostrander, Ohio, Pres. Ch. Aux.,	9 00
Oxford Furnace, N. J., Aux.,	83 70
Parker City, Pa., Aux.,	24 00
Perth Amboy, N. J., Pres. Ch. Aux.,	78 00
Philadelphia: Clinton St. Pres. Ch. Aux., $112; Kensington Pres. Ch. Aux., $50; Mantua 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., $90; Old Pine St. Pres. Ch., Reunion Aux., $50; 10th Pres. Ch., Mrs. James B. Ross, $50; Mrs. Dr. Robt. Davidson, $2; sale of photographs from India, $10; estate Mrs. Ellen T. Miller, balance of legacy, $1000,	1,364 00
Pittsburgh and Allegheny Committee: Lawrenceville Aux., $50; Leetsdale, Mission Band, $29,	79 00
Plainfield, N. J., Aux.,	50 30
Plattsburg, N. J., Sabbath-school,	8 14
Portland, Oregon, "Occidental" Circle,	50 00
Port Penn, Del., Aux., addl., $1; Pres. Sabbath-school, $19 69,	20 69
Pottstown, Pa., Pres. Ch. Aux.,	$15 00
Princeton, N. J., Miss Julia S. Smith,	6 80
Rahway, N. J., 1st Pres. Ch. Aux., $63; Mission Band, $75,	138 00
Reading, Pa., Pres. Ch. "E. J. Richards" Aux.,	51 00
Roseville, N. J., Aux., Mrs. A. M. Brinsmade,	25 00
Roseville, Ohio, Aux.,	6 05
Rural Valley, Pa., Aux.,	25 00
Sag Harbor, N. Y., George Bassett,	5 00
Slatcville, Pa., Aux.,	21 00
Springfield, N. J., Aux.,	72 00
St. Clairsville, Ohio, 1st Pres. Ch. Aux.,	75 00
Summit, N. J., West Pres. Ch. Aux.,	36 20
Thompsonville, Pa., Centre Ch. Aux.,	30 00
Van Wert, Ohio, Miss Ellen Hattery,	2 50
Washington College, Tenn., "Salem Helpers,"	5 65
Washington, D. C., New York Ave. Ch. Aux.	400 00
Waterford, Pa., Aux.,	7 00
White House, Pa., Dickinson Ch., "Star of Hope" Aux.,	43 45
Woodbridge, N. J., Aux., $21 40; Mission Band, $40,	61 40
Woodbury, N. J., Mrs. Susan M. Roe,	5 00
A Mother, from the pocket book of a deceased daughter,	7 00
Mrs. Olsen (Yhlen), money returned,	50 00
	$3,796 17

Total Receipts, April, 1875,	$16,840 03
Previously acknowledged,	52,681 56
Balance May 1, 1874,	65 20
Balance in hands of California Branch May 1, 1874,	518 29
Aggregate from May 1, 1874 to April 30, 1875,	$70,105 08

MRS. J. D. MCCORD, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut Street.

PHILADELPHIA, April 30, 1875.

The $70 acknowledged in the May number of *Woman's Work* from Greencastle, Pa., was for a scholarship at Beirût.

Our Little Workers.

THE WATER CARRIER.

"A WATER carrier!" perhaps you exclaim, "Why he surely cannot carry water in those bags!" But he does carry water in those bags, one on his own back, and two borne by his faithful horse. These bags are the skins of goats, and make very good articles for holding water. The fashion is not a new one either, for it has been followed in Asia ever since the times of the Bible.

This particular water carrier, whose photograph was sent to us,

lives in India, and takes water to some of our missionaries. And he is well-to-do in his business too, for very few of his class are able to have a horse to help them. Every day he goes to a well and fills the goat skins, while his horse stands by waiting patiently for him. The horse does not look as if he would run away, does he? When the skins are filled, they trudge along together—the man and the horse—as you see them in the picture, until they reach the house where the water is wanted. Then the man empties it, and they start off for more. This is the man's work, day after day, and it is not unpleasant work, for the families are glad to see him come. In that warm country a great deal of water is needed, and in some places it is very scarce. Where there are no streams near, deep wells are dug which are a great comfort to the people.

Did you ever think what it would be to have no water? You have been thirsty sometimes, and then have known the luxury of a cup of cold water, but if you had had no water to quench your thirst, you would soon have suffered intensely.

Jesus compares those who do not love Him to persons suffering from thirst, and He says to them—to *you* if you have not yet learned to love Him—"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink!" Yes, and He not only asks *you* to come to Him, but lets *you* help in sending the water of life, that is, the good news of Jesus and His love, to those who have never known of it before.

"Jesus the water of life can give,
Freely, freely, freely."

Are you not glad that you can do something to help in sending this good news to the girls and boys in heathen lands?

CHINESE GIRLS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

By Miss Cummings.

I have been out this P. M., with Mrs. Tam Ching, to invite women to come to a meeting to hear about Jesus. In one room,

the woman said she had not time to come. She has a little girl seven years old. This little girl is always sewing when I go there. She has been a merry, happy little one, but to-day, I thought she did not seem so, and I did not wonder, when her mother said she was going to begin to bind her feet next month. I felt so sorry for her, that the tears came into my eyes, and I can do nothing to help it. She will suffer very much. All her toes will be turned under her foot but the large one, and bound around with strips of cloth, which will be drawn tighter every little while. Then, by and by, they will dislocate the instep, so that of course if they ever took the bandages off, the poor girl would be lame. But they will keep the feet bound all the time, and by and by they will be only two, or perhaps three inches long. I hope this little girl will learn to love me as well as another one did. That one has gone back to China, and I do not suppose I shall ever see her again; but she knew a very little of Christ, the dear Saviour, and He can teach her more. I shall never forget the lovely expression of her face as she looked on that of the Saviour, in the picture of Christ blessing little children, all the time I sang to her the "sweet story of old." Before she went away, she would take my hand and kiss it, and say she was sorry to go away and leave me, and she wished I would go to China and see her.

Last Sabbath, I went out to visit some women, and among others, went to see a very old woman. She lives in a very small room. Her bed fills up one end, then there are a square table and some chairs. These so nearly fill up the room, that I can just sit down without my knees touching the table. But there she has her idols, nine of them, with offerings of fruits and cakes, and incense burning all the time, though on common days there is not much. She always wants me to sing a song, so on Sunday I sang "For you I am praying."

When shall the time come, that you, and all the little girls in the East will pray for these? When I pray for them, I pray for you too, that they may not rise to condemn you, when Christ cometh to make up His own. Will you not begin now to love Him yourself, so that you can pray and work better for them?

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

PERSIA.

Miss Mary Jewett.

Tabreez, January 25, 1875.

. . . I had a very interesting meeting with seven women yesterday (Sabbath) in my room. One of them was a Musselman woman, a beggar who came crying to our door one day, not long since, and to whom I gave fourteen cents. When I saw her coming in yesterday, I did not recognize her, and supposed she had only come to beg, but to my surprise she sat down quietly and listened attentively. She did not ask for a cent, and said she was so grateful to me, she should always come to our meetings. I talked to them about Job, reading the first two chapters of that book. The women seemed to understand every word, and the seven pairs of eyes were intently looking up to me as I read. Every one had something to say, and the helper's wife led in a very earnest prayer. Three of the women were Nestorians, and good Christian women, three were Armenians. After they left Esther (the helper's wife), Mariam (the Armenian teacher of a class of little girls in Galowa) and I remained and had a lesson together in Armenian, in studying the first fourteen verses of first chapter of John. . . .

In Oroomiah, a school is established for Jews at their own request, a number of them having renounced the Talmud, and are searching the Scriptures. When Israel shall be brought to accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah, *then the end is near.* Oh, how much we want more workers! Will not the church at home send them to us? Arise at the call of the Master, and give of yourselves and your substance to the spread of the gospel in foreign lands!

Home Work.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 8th and 9th of April.

The large and enthusiastic attendance gave evidence of the wide and increasing interest in the grand cause of foreign missions. Delegates from Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, brought the influence, not only of their own presence, but of the work of hundreds of noble women at home. The assembly was held in the new Immanuel Church, a beautiful edifice but recently dedicated. The fitful April weather without, could not affect the atmosphere within, where the cordial gladness of the greetings, deepened as the meeting progressed to an intense sympathy, and a renewed consecration to the work.

The simple statement that Mrs. A. H. Hoge presided, is an assurance to all who know her, that the meeting was conducted with admirable dignity and decision; that the various topics were brought up with promptness and judgment, and that each address or appeal met with a quick response in "words fitly chosen," and full of inspiration. Mrs. W. P. Lynde, extended a welcome to the delegates in behalf of the ladies of the Milwaukee societies, in graceful and eloquent terms, to which Mrs. Hoge made reply of equal interest.

The business opened with letters of greeting from the missionary societies of New York, Philadelphia and Albany. The Mission Boards of the various denominations, sent through their delegates an account of their year's work; Mrs. Hauser, of Milwaukee, speaking for the Methodists; Mrs. Roberts, for the Baptists; and Mrs. Arnold, of Milwaukee, in the absence of Mesdames Blatchford and S. C. Bartlett, of Chicago, for the Congregationalists. Mrs. Avery, of Chicago, representing the Woman's Union Missionary Society, organized in New York,

fifteen years ago, gave a full and exhaustive report of the results of their labors.

Two interesting papers were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Laflin: one written by Mrs. Montgomery, of Michigan, on "Money and Salvation;" one by Mrs. Newell, of Rochester, Minnesota, in relation to the work of the children. Mrs. Hoge supplemented this paper by a few words to mothers, on the training of children, followed by Mrs. Rhea, our missionary from Persia, whose unfailing fervor thrilled the audience.

The afternoon of Thursday was largely occupied by the reports of Treasurer and Secretaries. Mrs. Whitehead's report showed a gratifying increase in the receipts of the year, amounting to $18,000, being $6,000 more than the previous year. The reports of Mrs. Laflin and Mrs. Keep, the Home and Foreign Secretaries, were very able and thorough, the latter serving to strengthen the bond between the workers at home and the exiles who are so dependent upon our sympathy and remembrance. Papers by Mrs. Sanderson, of Janesville, Wisconsin, on "Personal Responsibility," and by Miss Mortimer, of Milwaukee, on "Woman's Work," were listened to with great interest. A most touching scene followed in the introduction, by Mrs. Rhea, of Miss Bassett, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, a young lady who has given herself to the great work, and is soon to go out to Persia. Miss Bassett's broken request for sympathy and prayers, brought tears to the eyes of many of the audience. Mrs. McFarland, our missionary from Siam, gave a narration of her experiences in that country. As she is soon to return to her work, leaving her children to be educated in this country, she commanded the sympathy and interest of every mother present.

The forenoon of Friday was crowded with business reports of State Secretaries, many of which were necessarily omitted, reports of committees, letters from auxiliary societies, &c. Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Milwaukee, acting as chairman of one of the committees, having suggested that as next year will be the Centennial year of our country, a grand memorial offering should be made to the mission fund. Mrs. Rhea brought forward as the initial

gift, a heavy gold ring presented by a pastor's wife from Iowa. A letter read just at that time, mentioning the need of a cabinet organ to be sent to Persia, with Miss Bassett, gave a more direct object for immediate donations, which under Mrs. Rhea's skilful and earnest appeal, poured in abundantly. "Five dollars from a mother and daughter in Iowa;" "a widow's mite, $2 00;" a ring already once redeemed by the Detroit Society; a diamond ring; car-rings and more money, until the spirit of charity seemed to pervade the whole assembly. The flame which is ever burning in Mrs. Rhea's heart kindled other hearts, and her every word brought new gifts for the altar until about $800, in addition to the jewelry had been given or pledged. The money for the organ having been more than supplied, the remainder was collected for a missionary in Siam, whose child is seriously ill. It was an unpremeditated outburst of kindly giving, and the scene was both pathetic and exciting.

The morning session concluded with an address by Mrs. Morton, of Ripon, Wisconsin, on "The History and Present Condition of Missions," which formed one of the intellectual pleasures of the convention—a very thoughtful and comprehensive review of the subject.

The meeting was addressed in the afternoon by Dr. Coan, our venerable and beloved missionary from Persia, whose words contained both information and inspiration, and deserve a fuller report.

The children's meeting was conducted by Mrs. McFarland, with added remarks by Dr. Coan.

The report of Committee on Nominations resulted in the re-election of the principal officers, with some additions to the Board of Managers. The committee on place of future meeting reported the acceptance of an invitation sent by telegraph from Indianapolis, where the next meeting will be held on the second Wednesday and Thursday of April, 1876.

Mrs. Hoge at the close of the day, gave a final expression of gratification at the results of this assembly, and of her hopes for the future. A resolution was passed of warmest thanks to the

ladies and gentlemen of Milwaukee, for their very complete arrangements and courteous hospitality. Mrs. Lynde responded with thanks for the presence of so many delegates; and the Convention closed with prayer by Dr. Coan, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in Syriac.

The social events of the meeting were exceedingly pleasant. A lunch was provided on both days for the entire Convention by the ladies of Immanuel and Calvary Churches. A reception was held in the church parlors on Friday evening, where those who had become so deeply interested in each other, during the discussion of these great affairs of mutual interest, enjoyed a nearer acquaintance.

The members of the Convention separated, feeling more deeply than ever the extent and grandeur of the work, and more thoroughly imbued with the spirit of our Master's command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature!"

In her sick chamber our suffering sister waited and watched for tidings of our annual meeting. In the long hours of the night her spirit sighed, "What of the day? What of the day?" Who will not feel as they read her beautiful expressions of praise and thanksgiving, that much of the blessedness of that consecrated season in Milwaukee came also to her?

"Sing unto the Lord a New Song."

DEDICATED TO MRS. HOGE.

We thank Thee, blessèd Father,
Our eyes have seen this hour,
And now, our grateful praises
Before Thy throne we pour.
We praise Thee for the gospel
Of Jesus, Thy dear Son,
And for the wondrous triumphs
It hath already won!

We thank Thee, that Thy children,
Throughout our own dear land,
Are waking unto duty—
Are taking noble stand.

We bless Thee that the cry is,
"*Now* let Thy kingdom come!"
Lord, hear the great petition,
Soon bring Thy wanderers home.

Our hearts are overflowing
With joy and gratitude,
That *we* unto the heathen
May tell *our* God is good;
That even sinful mortals
May help to swell the throng,
Of those from every nation,
Who'll join Redemption's song.

We glorify and bless Thee,
Thou triune God above!
For all this sad world knoweth
Of Jesus and His love.
We praise Thee, great Jehovah.
And laud Thy holy name!
Soon may our song be echoed
Through all God's vast domain!

L. L. NEWELL.

TUNE—WEBB

MONEY AND SALVATION.

ONE year ago the question was asked by the President of our Society, "How shall we lay the spectre Retrenchment?"

This question returns upon us again at the present time, intensified by the experience of the last year, the sad falling off in the receipts of the Assembly's Board.

This falling off causes us to look forward with great apprehension, that a heavy debt shall be shown at the end of the year, and retrenchment become inevitable. Then, that which was called a *spectre*, shall be revealed a *real enemy*, a giant laying his paralyzing arms upon the daughter of Zion, as she goes forth to bless the world, to rescue the perishing, to save the lost. As we look back upon the progress of salvation, in the history of modern missions, we find that the fluctuations in the treasury of the church have

ever been a source of great trouble, and that times of retrenchment have given a shock to missions, which required years for recovery. Words can hardly paint the disaster which is suggested by that one dreadful word, "*Retrenchment.*" Now, in view of all this, does not the question of a steady supply of money into the treasury, become one of the most weighty now before the church? How can the stream be constantly fed which bears salvation to the nations? Shall we have enthusiastic meetings? Shall we send agents abroad among the churches? Shall our religious papers teem with the most thrilling appeals?

These means have been tried and no doubt are good. Under their influence Christians have been stimulated to great efforts to new and enlarged benevolence. But how often have the results been only spasmodic? And having given a great amount at some time under such influences, how many have felt a reaction, and afterwards have given *less*, rather than *more*. Now, if the salvation of the world is a Divine plan, and money a necessity in the execution of this plan, would not the Divine mind reveal some method of supply?

Thus I queried, day after day, studying over the matter, and again far into the night. Then I saw a vision of olden time. The army of the Lord, the hosts of Israel called out for a great campaign, were retiring before the face of a mighty giant Day by day he presented his challenge, and as often the host *ran*, and *cried*, and *fled*. At last there appeared in the distance a youthful form, and as he drew near he was seen to be ruddy and of a fair countenance. He had a sling in his hand, and stooping he drew a pebble from the brook, and placing it in his sling, dealt such a blow, that Goliath fell prostrate, and the dismayed army of the Lord, recovering their confidence marched on to a glorious victory. Shall I give you a thought suggested by the vision? You may deem it far fetched; perhaps it is so. However, let me indicate it to you, for I think I see in it that which bears Woman's Work. This, then it is: there lies in the stream of time almost hidden by its waters, an instrumentality, simple as a pebble, and God-ordained, which recovered by our youth, may have in it the power of

David's missile in laying low the giant enemy, which disputes the progress of the army of the Lord called forth for the world's redemption. I refer to the Divinely appointed system of tithes. O mother! it is for you to teach it to your children. Let them set aside aside sacredly to the Lord one-tenth of all their little gains, of all the money which comes into their hands. You will establish in them a principle, which will not only be of untold benefit to themselves, but one which, could it become general, would pour untold revenue into the channels of the church. The discussion of this subject would take up more time than could be allowed to this paper. But is it not plain that some plan for the regular supply of the treasury of the church is needed, one which will enlist *every* Christian, one suited to the ability of the *poorest*. Can a better one be found than God has provided? When the foundation of the church was laid, was not this plan laid in it, that the structure might rise in strength and beauty, till the top stone should be laid with rejoicing?

O mothers! try it with your children, but do not stop with them; entreat husbands, fathers and brothers, to fall into the line of God's ways and reap the rich blessing promised!

Let me close in the words of another, "The general adoption of this principle would change the condition of the church and the world. The discovery of the law of gravitation and the application of steam to its manifold uses in modern society, have not produced a greater change on the philosophy and physical condition of mankind, than the universal practice of tithe giving would effect on the *life*, *energy*, and *usefulness* of the Church of Christ."

L. A. M.

THE INFLUENCE OF MISSIONARY WORK ON THE YOUNG.

In connection with the "Woman's Missionary" movement, and growing out of it, one very delightful feature is the interest the children and young people are taking in the good work.

When we read and hear of the bands of children that have been formed all over our land, and the money that has been raised

by them, we are filled with wonder, that so simple and willing an instrumentality was not thought of before. But, like most useful discoveries, it seems to have been kept back, until every thing was ripe for its use; and just now, when God is using human means, more than ever to accomplish His work of bringing out from among the nations a people for Himself, it is found that even the little children can help on the work; and blessed be God, not only His people, but the children of His people, are permitted to be, "laborers together with God."

But the work has only just begun, who can estimate the good that may be accomplished if the spirit is properly fostered? And here rests the responsibility of mothers. The missionary awakening among the young, is to be hailed as a blessing, perhaps even more for the reflex influence it will have upon the children themselves, than for the good they may be the means of doing to others. To have the work take deep hold and be abiding among our children, it is of the first importance that they be well instructed as to the need there is of missionary work. They should be made acquainted with the darkness and fearful cruelty of heathenism, the misery it brings upon all, especially upon women and children, even in this world, and how utterly lost they are to God and heaven, without a knowledge of the Saviour.

They should be taught that our ancestors were heathen, as degraded as the most barbarous tribes now on earth, and it should ever be kept before them, that it is to the Bible that they are indebted for all the blessings and comforts they enjoy, and that gratitude alone should lead them to make sacrifices to extend that priceless boon to others.

Win their interest to the cause, by your own consistent zeal in the work, and let them see how much more blessed it is to give than to receive. Show them how to do good as they have opportunity; that there is missionary work to be done at home, and that it is not the spirit of the gospel to neglect the poor and ignorant at our own door, in order to send missionaries beyond the sea. Children see the inconsistency of such things as readily as those who are older.

If there is anything that can make our young people feel that there is something better and higher, and more satisfying than self-indulgence, and living for the pleasures of the world,—it is for them to be about their Father's business; but to be fitted for that business, they must "first give their own selves to the Lord." And if they do so consecrate themselves, how delightful they will find it to work for Him, and how God will bless their efforts. Show them the great honor God bestows upon His children by letting them work for Him. "Workers together with Him;" what a privilege! granted to us solely for our good and growth in grace; not because God needs our poor help, but that we may be enriched by our giving. As angels first brought the good news of a Saviour's birth, so might God have continued to use angels as His instruments in making known His death and resurrection.

It is, I think, very necessary that young people should learn early in their religious life (and we take it for granted that most of our workers are in the fold of Jesus), that they must not undertake to work for the Lord without guidance. That it is one of the offices of the Holy Spirit to direct, and that it is treating Him with great disrespect, when we act independently of Him. We should even hold ourselves in the position of servants, waiting to do the bidding of the Master.

We all know how early the spirit of envy and jealousy, pride and contention, show themselves in the little breast; and that would be a small "Band," or one wonderfully free from youthful infirmities, where there was not at least one Diotrephes, who loves pre-eminence. The greatest care should be exercised, so to work, that these passions may not be aroused; and the higher the motives that are set before the children, the less danger there will be, that these feelings will manifest themselves. The children should be made to understand, that it is not so much the amount of money they raise, or the work they do, that pleases God, as it is the spirit that prompts them. That little girl, who saved flower seeds, and with such pains put them up in little packages to sell for missionary purposes, but who, greatly to her disappoint-

ment failed to sell them, was just as much a worker for Jesus, as if she had made hundreds of dollars.

While we would be the last to repress the joyful, buoyant spirit of childhood, and while we think that at their gatherings for work, everything should be done to make them pleasant and cheerful, we would have them so conducted that the children will not think that the great object is to have a good time. Let their enjoyment on such occasions be of a higher type than that of a modern child's party. A. Z.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Kalamazoo, Mich., W. M. S
Flint, Mich., W. M. S.
Hudson, Mich., W. M. S.
Kenton, Ohio, W. M. S.
Quincy, Ill., "Mite Gatherers."
Lake Forest, Ill. "Steady Streams."
Bement, Ill., W. M. S.,
Paxton, Ill., W. M. S.
Olney, Ill., W. M. S.
Denver, Colo., W. M. S.
Corinne, Utah, W. M. S.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Ballard,
Mrs. Geo. F. Moore,
Mrs. B. S. Brainard,
Mrs. Margaret Clark,
Mrs. Mary Donnan,
Mrs. C. R. Beckenback,
Mrs. W. B. Malburn,
Mrs. Wm. Elisha,
Mrs. Septimus Vater,
Mrs. Melvin Drake.
Mrs. A. K. Strong,
Mrs. G. M. Tuthill,
Mrs. H. L. Hutchins
Mrs. Wm. Wikoff,
Mrs. James B. Loe
Mrs. James Ward,
Mrs. Thomas Rainey,
Mrs. D. C. Batchelder,
Miss Julia W. Bacon.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, for April, 1875.

Freeport, Ill., Elliott Band, 2d Ch., for pupil in Miss Jewett's school, Tabreez, $11 55; for Bible reader in Persia, $38 45,		$50	00
Kalamazoo, Mich., Aux.,		31	75
Holly, Mich., Aux., for Teheran, Persia,		15	50
Perry, Ill., Aux., for Bible reader in Oroomiah, Fem. Sem., Persia,		30	00
Winona, Minn., 1st Ch. S. S., for Miss Downing,		$25	00
West Branch, Iowa,		1	45
Franklin, Ind., from Mission Band of Pres. Ch.,		25	00
Aekley, Iowa, Aux., for Miss Pratt's salary,		11	50
Grand Rapids, Mich., Aux. of Westminster Ch.,		40	00
Lake Forest, Ill., Aux.,		13	00
Chicago, A Friend to Missions,			

$1 50; 1st Ch. Aux., $19; Mrs. S. E. R., $5,	$25 50
Evanston, Ill., Aux.,	46 50
Chicago, Ill., Aux., 2d Ch., for Miss Calhoun's salary,	88 00
Detroit, Mich., Rhea Miss. Band, for the Pearson school,	40 00
Granville, Ohio, Rev. E. Garland, to constitute his wife a life member,	25 00
Toledo, Ohio, Aux., of Westminster Ch., for Gen. Fund, $10; for Bible woman, $50,	60 00
Linn Grove, Iowa, Aux.,	16 00
Woodhull Ill., Aux., for sup. of pupil at Dehra, India,	28 00
Red Wing, Minn., Aux., for Miss Downing's salary,	50 00
Acton, Ind., Aux.,	10 00
Carrolton, Ill., Aux., for pupil in Miss Nassau's school, Benita, Africa,	20 00
Chicago, Ill., 2d Ch., Miss Calhoun's salary,	50 00
Iowa City, Iowa, Aux., 1st Ch.,	43 10
Detroit, Mich., Richardson Miss. Band of 1st Ch., for chapels and schools in Teheran and Tabreez,	100 00
Brighton, Mich., Aux., for sup. Miss Bassett,	29 00
Jerseyville, Ill., for Bible woman,	20 45
Bloomington, Ill., Normal W. F. M. S.,	4 50
Flint, Mich., Aux.,	25 00
Joliet, Ill., Aux. Central Ch.,	26 40
Kalamazoo, Mich., Aux.,	65 00
Neenah, Wis., Aux.,	28 00
New York, A Friend to Missions,	10 00
Vinton, Iowa, Aux., for Miss Jewett's salary,	25 00
Tecumseh, Mich., for sup. of scholar in Mrs. House's school, Siam,	41 50
Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Aux.,	10 00
Delevan, Ill., Mrs. J. H. B.,	5 00
Muir, Mich., Aux.,	10 00
Ionia, Mich., 1st. Ch., sup. of Kamran,	5 00
Janesville, Wis., Miss. Soc. of 1st. Ch., S. S.,	50 00
Portage, Wis., Aux.,	11 40
Kendallville, Ind., Miss. class in Ch. S. S.,	$5 00
Carthage, Ill., Aux.,	18 00
Bloomington, Ill., Aux.,	164 61
Lafayette, Ind., 1st. Ch., to be used for Elishura and Hoshebo, Oroomiah,	100 60
Lake Forest, Ill. (*special*), $50; Young Ladies (*special*), $20,	70 00
Ann Arbor, Mich., Mrs. M. (*special*),	5 00
Detroit Mich., Boys F. M. Soc. of 1st Ch., for sup. of Monassels,	10 00
Valparaiso, Ind., rebuilding Canton school-house,	2 00
Bement, Ill., Aux.,	11 25
Guthrie, Iowa, Aux.,	1 33
Marion, Iowa, Aux., for sup. of Hika, in the Corisco Mission, Africa,	42 00
Bellefontaine, Ohio, Aux., 1st Ch.,	33 00
Lake Forest, Ill., Mrs. Thomas,	5 00
Naperville, Ill., Misses Mamie and Kate Cunningham,	7 00
Detroit, Mich., Aux., rebuilding Canton school-house,	22 60
Duluth, Minn., for girl's school at Canton,	1 00
El Paso, Ill., for sup. of Ysoong Sha, in Miss Downing's school, China,	11 50
Bedford, Ind., Aux., Pres. Ch.,	12 00
Fairview, Ind., Miss Band,	3 50
Bay City, Mich., to help furnish school-room for Mussulman children,	40 00
Howell, Mich., Miss. Band and Aux., for sup. of two girls in Miss Dean's school, Persia, $60; for Gen. Fund, $6,	66 00
Peoria, Ill., Aux.,	29 20
Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Henry Forsyth (*special*), for Persia,	100 00
Cash received at Annual Meeting, Milwaukee,	236 85
Hymn Books, envelopes, &c.,	2 60
Total receipts for April,	$2211 00

Peoria, Ill., Aux. Soc., $29 20, should have been acknowledged in the March receipts.

MRS. JESSE WHITEHEAD, *Treasurer*,
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